

Regular Meeting  
Charleston Township Board  
April 25, 2017

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Supervisor who led those present in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:

Roll was called and members present were: VanderRoest, Balkema, Samson, Schug and Kramer.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AGENDA AND MINUTES:

Samson/Balkema moved to approve the agenda with the addition of two items under Consent Agenda: Planning Commission Minutes, and Attorney's Report. And one item under New Business: f. Resolution  
CARRIED

CONSENT AGENDA:

Balkema/Samson moved to approve the consent agenda as submitted consisting of:

1. March 28, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes  
April 6, 2017 Election Commission Meeting
2. Zoning Administrator's Report
3. Planning Commission Report
4. Fire Department – Joint Fire Board Report
5. Communications
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Sheriff's Department Monthly Report
8. Attorney's Report

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. The Supervisor communicated that a notice will be published in the Climax Crescent for three weeks seeking claims of ownership for Toad Hollow Cemetery. If no one comes forward, the attorney should be able to request a judgment by default, declaring the township the owner of the property.
- b. VanderRoest/Schug **moved to approve authorization for electrical repairs that were listed as items 2 and 3 of 7 in the letter of April 12, 2017 from Building Official Bert Gale to Galesburg Speedway owner, Patrick McCann.** Roll Call Vote: Balkema – Y; Kramer – Y; VanderRoest – Y; Schug – Y; Samson – Y. CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Jerry explained that PA 256 makes the Township responsible for issuing permits for public or private displays of fireworks. All such permits must be obtained from the township where the fireworks will be displayed. Any fees charged for these permits are retained by the township. The fireworks application is now available on the Bureau of Fire Services Web page ([www.michigan.gov/lara](http://www.michigan.gov/lara) > Fire Services > Fireworks). Permit forms can still be requested from the state Bureau of Fire Services via email at [fireworks@michigan.gov](mailto:fireworks@michigan.gov).
- b. Balkema/VanderRoest **moved to table action on setting the township millage rate as the**

**figures are not available yet. CARRIED**

- c. Jerry reported that he had submitted an application to the Kalamazoo County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority to include the KVG Landfill as a brownfield redevelopment site. He will meet with the brownfield redevelopment people to discuss options.
- d. The Board discussed the need for a security system for the Township Hall. No conclusion was reached. The subject was deferred for another time.
- e. The subject of ambulance services was discussed. The county ambulance services are experiencing financial difficulty. The Board will continue to follow the situation. Currently, Pride Care Ambulance Services is the designated service for Charleston Township. It is the service that is sent by 9-1-1 to Charleston if an ambulance is requested unless another service company is requested.
- f. The State of Michigan has provided funds for new voting machines and equipment. The State requires that the Township Board adopt a resolution authorizing the Clerk to submit a grant application for the system. **Kramer/VanderRoest moved to adopt a resolution authorizing the Clerk to submit a Grant Application on behalf of Charleston Township for a new voting system.** Roll Call Vote: Samson – Y; Schug – Y, VanderRoest – Y; Kramer – Y; Balkema – Y. **CARRIED**

READING & DISPOSITION BILLS:

Balkema/Samson moved that the bills be allowed and that warrants be drawn on the treasury for their respective amounts. **CARRIED**

CITIZEN TIME:

No citizens were present

MEMBERS TIME:

Linda requested a transfer of funds. Samson/Schug **moved to transfer \$10,000 from the General Fund to the Water Enterprise Fund to cover a shortfall.** **CARRIED** Brenda asked Jerry if the MTA Conference was worthwhile. He said it was a good learning opportunity. Jerry reported that the Township spent \$300 to clean up corn husks that had blown into Roof Cemetery recently. He reminded the Board that a new ZBA member is needed in case anyone knew of a prospect. Jerry asked how to get a tax exemption for purchases for the township. Brenda and Linda explained the process. Jerry reported major drain improvement in the area south of the township hall on 38<sup>th</sup> St. due to help from the Drain Commission. He mentioned a \$100,000 grant from Enbridge that was being requested, a Special Exception Use and Site Plan review scheduled for May 16, a variance request scheduled for May 18, a meeting with Target and Eaton about wetland protection and the Target assessment scheduled for April 27. He also reminded the Board of the Tire Drop Off on Saturday, April 29, 2017 from 8 until noon and a Supervisors' meeting with the Road Commission to discuss road funding.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Samson/Schug moved to adjourn at 8:18 p.m. **CARRIED**

Linda Kramer, Clerk